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FREIGHT/ALLEY LOADING PROGRAM

Dear Purveyors and Business Owners:

Traffic congestion is a major challenge in Miami Beach and it has been identified as a quality of life issue by residents and other stakeholders; therefore, your cooperation is essential! On May 28, 2014, the Mayor and City Commission approved an ordinance with new freight loading regulations. The City's goal is to facilitate loading activities for purveyors and businesses alike. We recognize our business community's success is directly impacted by their ability to receive goods and services from a variety of purveyors rendering essential services. Purveyors are simply seeking to deliver their goods/services in a safe, legal, and expeditious manner. Clearly, the City shares this common goal and with the cooperation of all, we will achieve it.

Freight Loading Regulations and Enforcement

The Freight Loading Program has been very successful in other areas of the City and the following are key points of the program:

- Expanded freight loading zones for large trucks with a gross weight (GVW) over 10,000 lbs.
- Use is regulated by an electronic permit (license plate), meter payment, or electronic payment via ParkMobile (pay by phone provider).
- Loading days/hours consist of Monday to Saturday; 7AM to 3PM; and 30 minute maximum time limits.
- Loading prohibitions during certain threshold hours are built-in protections from freight loading disturbances and nuisances to residents and others.
- All other vehicles with a GVW under 10,000 lbs., will be regulated by an "AL" (Alley Loading) Permit to use other city right-of-ways, including alleys and certain on-street areas.

Enforcement

Enforcement of these regulations shall take place as follows:

- The City's Parking Enforcement Unit enforces freight loading zone and alley regulations by citing and towing vehicles that do not have the required permit and/or violate the provisions of the Program.
- The City's Police Department enforces moving violations for obstruction of traffic (double parking). Warnings will be issued initially as notice to purveyors to familiarize themselves with the Program.
- The City's Code Enforcement Department is empowered to enforce the prohibitions of loading during posted hours, pursuant to City Code.

Service Center/Electronic Permits

Freight Loading and Alley Loading (electronic) permits may be purchased at the City's Service Center, located at 1755 Meridian Avenue, Suite 100, Miami Beach, Florida 33139. Service Center hours are Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Please visit the City's website at www.miamibeachfl.gov/parking/default.aspx?id=80244 for more detailed information regarding the Freight Loading Zone Program, including: Freight Loading Zones and Alley Loading Maps; CMB Ordinance No. 2014-3873; Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ); FLZ and AL Permit Applications; Samples of Posted Signs; and Parking and Police Department Enforcement Procedures. You may also call 305.673.7000, extension 6200, for further information.

